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<p>Invention:</p> <p><b>LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT MATERIAL REINFORCEMENT FOR IMPROVED ELECTROMIGRATION RELIABILITY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6">CLAIMS AS AMENDED</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</th> <th>HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</th> <th>RATE</th> <th>ADDITIONAL FEE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOTAL CLAIMS</td> <td>18 -</td> <td>20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$18.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INDEP. CLAIMS</td> <td>3 -</td> <td>3 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$86.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					CLAIMS AS AMENDED							CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00	INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00	Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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